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CAPABILITIES (MC-161)

REF: USNATO 3917

1. WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE MC-161 IS PROPER FORUM FOR
DISCUSSION OF COMMUNIST STRENGTHS AND ACTIVITY WITHIN NATO
COUNTRIES. UNTIL 1970 MC-161 DID INCLUDE A SECTION
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ON SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES BUT IT WAS DROPPED BECAUSE THE

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SUBJECT MATTER WAS ADEQUATELY COVERED BY THE NATO SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

2. WE ARE OPPOSED, AMONG OTHER REASONS, BECAUSE MEMBERS OF AD HOC INTELLIGENCE WORKING GROUP (AHIWG) ARE NOT EXPERTS ON INTERNAL SECURITY AND MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY IN PRODUCING MORE THAN A GENERALIZED REHASH OF SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS SUCH AS C-M(74)26. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE FEEL THAT TIME NECESSARY TO INCLUDE THIS TYPE OF MATERIAL WOULD DIVERT EFFORT FROM OTHER, INCREASINGLY DEMANDING TASKS BEFORE AHIWG. WE DO THINK IT APPROPRIATE, HOWEVER, FOR MC-161 TO CROSS REFERENCE THE LATEST HALF YEARLY STUDY BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF INTERNAL SECURITY THREATS.

3. FYI. WITH TURKEY AS THE DRAFTING NATION FOR POLITICAL SECTION OF NEXT YEAR'S MC-161 AND THIS PROPOSAL EMANATING FROM GREECE, WE WOULD BE CONCERNED LEST CHAPTER ON SUBVERSION BECOME AN OCCASION FOR A POSSIBLY NASTY ARGUMENT BETWEEN THEM AT AHIWG. END FYI.

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